



GOD'S LOVE

COMFORT IN HIM

*In the stillness of the midnight,
When it seems no one is near,
As angels hover round about us,
Jesus whispers, "Do not fear."*

*In sickness, pain, and sorrow,
When we need someone to guide,
Jesus in His mercy sends us
A precious Comforter to abide.*

*In the midst of earthly trials,
As we journey on through life,
Hand in hand we go with Jesus
Till we reach the other side.*

*Inside the gates we'll see the Savior
And friends and loved ones gone before,
Who are waiting for us yonder
Where we'll part no nevermore.*

*In this world we rise, then wither,
As the flowers of the field;
But up there we'll bloom for ever
Around the bright and shining throne.*

—Geneva Dayton Anderson.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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"Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments
are truth," Psa. 119:151.

1 TIM. 3:15

June 15, 1946

NOTICES...

Correction

In a previous issue of the Evangel, I made a mistake about the terms of the Church of God Bible School in Spokane, Washington. Here are the terms as the School Board has set them for next term:

Room and board per month \$30.00

Tuition per month 10.00

All special music lessons,
each 1.00

Enrollment fee 5.00

Next term begins October 14, 1946.—

E. E. Coleman, principal, 2604 W. Dean Ave., Spokane, Wash.

I came to the Ozark Mts. for evangelistic services and expect to cover all the south and southwest. If any are in need of a full gospel evangelist, just address a post card to me at Potosi, Missouri, and you can expect to get a real, old-time, Holy Ghost revival.—W. Gordon Rennie, Gen. Del., Potosi, Mo.

Special Notice

The length of time for the Kentucky state camp meeting and convention has been cut down to six days. It will begin June 25 and will close Sunday night, June 30. The committee decided that, inasmuch as there is a shortage of food supplies for the restaurant, inadequate facilities for entertainment, etc., it would be better to close the camp meeting Sunday night. This also met with the approval of other ministers all over the State. We shall be expecting the co-operation of all the ministers, their presence with us at the first service and remaining with us through the closing service Sunday night.

Come on, Kentucky. Let us make this the greatest camp meeting in the history of the Church.

I would advise that you write in advance to E. T. Stacey, chairman of the entertainment committee, for reservations.—E. W. Williams, overseer of Kentucky.

Missouri Camp Meeting and State Convention

Will convene in the Flat River Junior College Auditorium, July 15-21. Rev. F. J. Dake will be the night speaker, lecturing from his large chart. We expect one of our general officials for the convention, which will be July 19-21. Rev. C. E. French, returned missionary, will also be with us as one

of our special speakers. Too, we are expecting a number of visiting overseers and ministers. The youth conference will be held in connection with the camp meeting.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We are praying for and expecting the greatest camp meeting and convention the State of Missouri has ever had. Come and enjoy this feast with us!—G. R. Watson, overseer.

Youth Convention of Oregon and Washington

We have rented the Christian Advent Church Campground, at Troutdale, Oregon, fifteen miles east of Portland, on the banks of the Sandy River, just off from the Great Columbia River, under the tall fir trees that grow in Oregon. Bro. H. D. Statum, overseer of Idaho, and his people are expected to be with us, and many others of different states. We have a large auditorium, dormitories, tents, and plenty of room to put your own tent, if you want to bring it along.

The Oregon campmeeting committee has decided to unite the camp meeting and convention that was to be in Silverton, July 14-21, with our youth convention. This is the place for you to spend your vacation. There will be no charges except for your meals. We are looking for you. WELCOME TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST!—C. C. Rains, overseer, Box 1513, Yakima, Wash.

This is to notify any who want to come to my home for prayer for healing, that I will be at home on or before June 15 for a few days. My address is 2349 McCrosky Avenue, Knoxville 17, Tennessee.

For the information of those who wish to call me, my phone number is 20866, Knoxville, Tennessee. Don't call until after June 15.—L. G. Rouse.

Requests for Prayer

PRAY FOR—

The healing of my baby, he had spinal meningitis at the age of seven weeks, now he is eighteen months old and he cannot walk, talk or use his right hand; me to be healed of kidney trouble and other ailments; the healing of my daddy's leg; my home.—Mrs. Sam Calhoun, Lumber City, Ga.

The Lord to heal my husband and me, we are both very ill and are fully

trusting God, therefore we do not know just what the trouble is. My husband has been very ill since the last of March. His feet and body are so swollen until it makes him so short of breath he cannot lie down. He sits up all the time. About six weeks ago I had a heart attack and I feel so dizzy almost all the time since, and my head, neck, shoulders and back hurt me all the time. Please pray that His will be done. My little daughter to be healed.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, St. George, W. Va.

The Lord to undertake for me, I am desperately in need of prayer.—A reader, Detroit, Mich.

The saving and healing of my brother who has almost completely lost his mind, he is in Alton State Hospital, Alton, Ill.—Mrs. Lottie Warix, Rt. 1, Hornbeak, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my son overseas; my home.—Mrs. Pat Jeffery, Box 544, Slagle, W. Va.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble, nervousness and weakness. Encouragement appreciated.—Essive Adkins, East Lynn, W. Va.

The healing of my mother and three sisters; the healing of our pastor, Rev. Paul Ross, and his wife.—Mrs. James Adkins, East Lynn, W. Va.

God to completely heal my body; the healing of my little girl who is hard of hearing.—Mrs. M. L. Cashatt, Rt. 1, Box 55, Lugoff, S. C.

God to heal my body, I have a ruptured blood vessel in my head and other ailments.—Mrs. Elsie Saunders, Star Rt., Troy, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Ora B. Jones, Eastern State Hospital, Staunton, Va. Encouragement appreciated.—A friend.

The Lord to completely heal my body.—Cora L. Neace, Rt. 2, Box 102, Ranger, W. Va.

God to heal me of what seems to be a small cancer on my nose, and to remove anything that might be between my soul and the Savior.—Mrs. Lelia Murdock, Hiddenite, N. C.

Me, both soul and body; my cross seems more than I can bear.—Mrs. Ola Mae Corley, Rt. 2, Box 84, Georgiana, Ala.

The healing of J. A. Douglas.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

God to undertake for my son.—Mrs. D. F. Mee, 327 W. Brackenridge St., Ft. Wayne 2, Ind.

More Than Money

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," Acts 3:6.

If we should close our eyes and vision the day to which our lesson refers, we would find two of the Lord's disciples on their way to the temple to assemble in worship and the ministry of the Word. Along the way we can picture this crippled man begging alms. Peter approaches the man and fastens his eyes upon him, as he said, "Look on us." Then the words of our text fell from the lips of Peter. They were surely powerful words and words of faith in a living God. Peter had no money, but he gave to this crippled soul more than if he had had the wealth of a Croesus. Yes, Peter said, "Such as I have give I thee." The results were miraculous, for the man went running and leaping into the temple, a living testimony of "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." The thing I wish to point out to you is that Peter was able to give far more than money. He was able to give words of life and power by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ.

DANGERS OF WEALTH

In presenting this theme, I wish to say that I believe wealth is not condemned in the Bible. However, time after time we find the Scriptures warning about the dangers of wealth. The love of money, the love of things that are temporal in value, is certainly dangerous to Christians. While poverty may be inconvenient, let us be bold to say that it is not entirely without compensation. Wealth hides the greater personal needs of mankind. Like the prodigal son, he could not wait for the goods and the wealth that was held in trust for him by his godly father, but requested that which was his and took it with him as he launched out into strange land, among strange people. However, the time came "when he had spent all he had" (Luke 15:14) and he began to think. He thought about the plenty and to spare at Father's house. He thought of how even the hired servants were better off than he was. But up until this time, he was overcome by this dangerous enemy of wealth, and failed to see the need for the deeper

By REV. D. E. WOLFE

and more important things. Today, the American people, especially, are overtaken with the same enemy. Living in a land of plenty, with plenty of money in the purse and in the bank, the need of every American is hidden from them by this barrier that stands between them and their God. Look what Paul writes to the Corinthian church: "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty." Wealth blinds men to the cross of Christ. Wealth brings self-satisfaction. The wrong kind of contentedness, like Moses in the backside of the desert, where he ran to hide from his duties toward his countrymen; he was "content to dwell with man."

COMPENSATION IN BEING POOR

An empty purse and pocketbook, financial difficulties, and fear of becoming poverty-stricken causes many people to do as the prodigal son when "he came to himself." This prodigal had no thought of using his money for the kingdom of God. He thought only of self and the temporal things of life. He spent his money in riotous living and, finally, when he had spent all he had, he came to himself. Many times, professed Christian people have plenty of money, but fail to see the need of spreading the gospel. You may not be able to preach, but you may be able to pay someone enough to permit him to preach, or you may be able to do your part on a new church house where men and women can find Jesus and where saints may assemble in praise and worship. Yes, the need is far more than money. If you and I are real converts to Christ, our money is His also.

THE NEED OF OTHERS

This is one of the most neglected Christian characteristics today. The world is blinded to the needs of their fellow men, and professed Christians seem nearly as blind. The need of others is more than money. If we look past the present day, into the past, we

can vision Paul as he wrote to the Philippians, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man on the things of others." Phil. 2:4. The scripture is plain here and Christian brethren should remember that we are blood relation to each other in Christ. We should, therefore, sympathize one with another and assist each other. Paul told the Romans, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep," Rom. 12:15.

It is extremely dangerous to offend a child of God. "But WHOSO shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Correct use of money is helpful to the needy, but the need and the heart that is ready to relieve the sufferings of others and share their problems is valued more than money.

HUMILITY

If it were necessary, I believe God would drop into your midst and permit you to lose money and become poor, just to bring you to earth, if you do not choose to use all you have for the glory of God. "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." When we get to the place that we realize as individuals, "I am nothing," then God can begin to use us, because God has said that "no flesh would glory in his sight." Many times Christians may try to take glory for things they have done, and God lets them fall back to humble them and make them realize they are still dependent on the Father's house.

THE CHURCH OF GOD

The great need of the hour in the Church of God is men and women to consecrate their all and, amid fat pocketbooks and bank accounts, realize the need of their souls. Are we still having the same good old prayer meeting we had in depression days, when the latter rain began? Are we still having the same soul-stirring revivals? the same blessings? the same healings? Do the signs still follow? Is the church still on fire as it was then? O friends, brethren, sisters in Christ, these things are more than money. Let us put our pocketbooks under the altar and live above it. God first, and the money His also! Yes, the same thing Peter gave the crippled man is ours for the asking. The same power Peter had is ours, if we will follow
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RELIGION... and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Opportunity

Dr. Wright, Executive Secretary of NAE, states that there are 30,000 communities without pastors and 10,000 communities without churches. What a rebuke to ministers who can see no opportunity or place for their ministry! Every unsaved soul is a prospect, and every community without a pastor is a place for a field of labor. While ministers idle, millions of souls perish, for which they shall give account unto God.

God's Liberality

"My cup runneth over" reveals God's bounty in dealing with souls. *Psa. 23.* "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" shows His liberality in blessing all mankind. The feeding of the five thousand is an example of His parental care. There was food left. God does not give just enough; He gives and does "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." *Eph. 3:20.* "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them," *Mark 11:24.*

Russian Baptists

Dr. Louie B. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, reports that there are 4,000,000 Baptists in Russia today.

India

Appalling as it may seem, there are reported to be 200,000,000 souls in India who have never heard any mention of the name or of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The task of evangelizing these millions is a great one; but the immensity of the number of unsaved could be materially reduced if we as Christians had the burden of these dark lands upon our hearts in prayer as we should have.

Missionaries in Sunday Schools

A story was related in the *Indian Witness* in which Bishop Robinson recalled a party of twenty-eight missionaries on board a steamer for India, of whom no less than twenty-two testified that they were brought to Christ through Sunday School work.

Few pastors, equally as many Sunday School superintendents, and far too many Sunday School teachers do not have at heart the realization of what are the possibilities in dealing with and training Sunday School children for Christ. We may rightfully expect God to touch some of these youngsters through faithful service on our parts as His own and to call them into earth's whitened harvest fields to labor for Him. Have ye never read the scripture wherein it is asked that we pray the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest? *Luke 10:2.*

Hunger

Former President Herbert Hoover, returning from Europe and Asiatic countries, said there are some 800,000-000 on starvation in these theaters. This is incomprehensible, but almost every other person of the whole population is starving. We, here in the U. S. with so much, cannot realize such a disaster. The aftereffects of war are worse than war itself.

Tithes Decline

Time magazine states that the amount of money given to churches in the U. S., as compared to total expenditures, has been dwindling steadily. The tithes in 1932 were 1.3 per cent; in 1936, 1 per cent; in 1945, .8 per cent.

The Jewish Problem

The problem of what to do for and with Jews is one that cannot be passed by lightly. It is admittedly proven that the Jews have been beaten and destroyed by millions in Europe, and this is the sad and tragic story of not only centuries but above two thousand years. They have been persecuted, scattered and peeled. Because of their sins, yes; but God, after all, gave them a promise, and that promise was to have the land of Palestine as a possession. Who is going to give them this land now? God gave it to them by promise and then by possession; and it remains that if Britain and the United States, the two foremost nations embracing Christianity, will not

do it, then but one other thing remains; that is, that God will not only keep His promise in giving the land unto the Jews, but will, in the very act of doing so, cast out both Ishmael and the Gentile overlords at the same time. What weaklings, as professed Christian statesmen, refuse to do, God can and will do to the shame and contempt of such professed statesmen. The rich and prosperous, as many know them, do not need this help, but the outcast and downtrodden do need it now.

The Bible

The world has had many "best sellers" because it is sick and is looking everywhere for a remedy. The demand, according to Dr. Eric N. North, a general secretary of the American Bible Society, for Bibles will be twice that of the prewar period. The worth of the Bible is best proven by the fact that a world in sorrow and distress turns to it when all else fails. It is the only Book of Life. The demand for Bibles and Testaments in Germany is expected to reach 6 to 7 million. Britain, American, and Scandinavian areas will call for 6 to 10 million. Great Britain and the Dominions have an accumulated demand for 5,000,000 Bibles and Testaments. In Japan, the call has risen for 100,000 Bibles and 2,500,000 Testaments. Illiteracy in India has increased demands from 1,250,000 to over 2,000,000 Gospels and portions. China is expected to require two to three times her prewar figure. Latin America has been receiving 400,000 Bibles and Testaments, and 3,000,000 Gospels; the requirements there are expected to increase fifty per cent.

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How Much Does It Cost To Get Something for Nothing?

By Horace McCracken



I was recently in a situation where a Christian organization sponsored a "cake walk" to raise money for a charitable purpose. I was interested to learn that a cake walk is a procedure calling for a number of people to contribute a dime or so each, who then walk around a series of numbers written on the floor until the music stops. A number is drawn from a hat and the cake is given to the person who has stopped on the corresponding number on the floor. Well, I contributed to the charity, but I didn't take part in the cake walk, because I don't want to yield to any form of the temptation to get something for nothing.

Of course, church people have long winked at raffles, cake walks, and similar devices because, they say, everybody knows that it is fair chance and that the money is to be used for a worthy purpose. But in that connection, let it suffice to say, as did Paul, God forbid that we should have to use an unholy means to accomplish a holy end. Where necessary at all, make an auction out of it, or use any harmless device you can think of, but shun the gambling element with great diligence.

"Gambling" is generally thought of as laying bets around a card table, or buying a racing ticket; but the principle behind it, the thing that makes people gamble, which is the desire to get something for nothing, is exceedingly widespread and sometimes difficult to recognize. Since the willingness to pay for what we receive is one of the absolutely basic standards of Christian character, and since any attempt to get something for nothing brings weakness of character and leads to further temptation, we will do well to understand the principle and recognize it. So, a few examples:

Stealing will obviously be the easiest place to recognize the idea.

But what about *lying*? The same. A person wants to gain some advan-

tage without paying the full price for it, for example, trying to "lie one's way out" of trouble. He knows that he will have to pay some penalty to become free of his difficulty, but he wants that freedom without the penalty. Or, to turn your attention to a Biblical example for a moment, we can see that the classic case of Ananias and Sapphira's lying was simply another manifestation of wanting to get something for nothing: they wanted the praise of the church for a generous deed though they were not generous.

In most *drunkenness*, I see the same principle, especially that drinking done to "forget one's troubles." Trouble wouldn't be trouble if it could be simply pushed aside and forgotten. A very great deal of trouble can be avoided just by living a godly Christian life, other times it is to be overcome by hard work, courage, and perseverance, and it may be assuaged by the grace of God. But drinking, too, gives freedom from trouble and worry—temporarily, of course, but those who drink aren't that far-sighted. The alcohol first attacks the higher reasoning centers of the brain, making it generally impossible for a person to think deeply and hence to worry. Usually at one stage it gives a sense of mellowness and well-being and of feeling at ease with the world. Those last are precisely the feelings that the Christian is entitled to the greatest part of the time, but the drinker wants to take a short-cut to it, he wants to get it an easy way.

Petting and necking, promiscuity, and sex crimes have that element in common. All of the wisest counsellors say that the fullness of joy one is entitled to expect in married love is to be obtained only by early continence, by respect and moderation, and by a never-ceasing effort at living together harmoniously; but the price is "too high" for these mentioned. The young person in self abuse and the criminal

rapist have in common that they are trying to get pleasure free. Allow me to bring that point from the level of generalization to specific application. While working in a coffee shop in San Francisco a few years ago, I happened to be talking one time with a young man who had worked for three years as usher in one of the large downtown theatres. I wrote down some of his statements, as follows:

"The average age of people attending the movies is between 18 and 21, and you couldn't reach into those audiences and pick out a handful of girls who wouldn't sell themselves to pleasure and lust. On one occasion, authorities entered a sampling of rooms in the C— High School without warning and confiscated the purses of twenty-five girls at random to make an inspection of the contents. Nineteen of the purses contained contraceptive devices."

Now I am not suggesting that that percentage is typical of all high schools today, for that is a large school almost in the heart of a metropolitan city. My point is that the young person who has made it his careful habit never to take anything he does not earn, and always to accept punishment he deserves, will not be among that shockingly large number who think that such pleasures come cheaply.

As a final example, consider the nature of *pride*, which was far more abominable to God than some of the fleshly misdeeds that we today are prone to dwell on. The very same principle appears: people want to be thought of more highly than they deserve to be thought of. They want a \$3,000-a-year reputation when they deserve only a \$1,200-a-year reputation, so they buy a Buick. They try to give the impression that they are very spiritual by a strong testimony or by shouting in church, which they know does not fit their actual spiritual condition; trying to get some praise or recognition for nothing.

In the same way I could go on to show the application of the principle to instances of murder, to jealousy, to much court litigation, to strikes and varieties of social injustices, and others, as well as to the more evident wrongs such as cheating in school, embezzlement of money, and robbery. But instead I invite you to think about those and other evils yourself.

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Follow Me *Manuel F. Campbell*

Text: 1 Cor. 2:1.

Never in the history of the world has the demand been greater for Christian leadership—leaders with clear visions; leaders that are willing to push ahead against great odds to victory. Many times the hardships of leadership are great, but the true leader will bring his courage into action and keep pushing forward.

There have been some that were interested in building up a large following for personal reasons, and some have been misled that followed such leaders. However, the apostle Paul stated, "Follow me, AS I FOLLOW CHRIST." Following the man that is following the Christ has proven safe through the ages. The soul-stirring example of St. Paul is worthy of our profound consideration and practice, even in this modern age.

I AM READY

Rom. 1: 14-16. The apostle Paul proclaimed to the Romans that he was ready; ready not to persecute, not to destroy the Christian, but ready to preach the gospel to them. This was not an exaggerated assertion. St. Paul had been qualified and prepared to preach since he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. No person is fully prepared to tell others of Jesus until he first has a personal acquaintance with Him. Paul met Jesus and surrendered his life completely to God by blending his stubborn will into the great redemptive plan designed to lift up fallen humanity. While prostrate under the brilliant heavenly light, Saul forsook all, and cried, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" He was advised to visit Straight Street. It is advisable to all who begin in the Christian race, to begin on Straight Street; begin by praying, seeking, surrendering and dedicating themselves to God. The reason some people wake up and find themselves lost in a dead-end street is because of not being willing to pay the price of surrendering self and selfish plans to get on Straight Street. This wonderful Straight Street leads out into the Highway of Holiness, on which the redeemed of the Lord march home.

This champion of righteousness stated that he had forsaken all, that

State Youth Director of Texas

he might win Christ. If we desire to see a greater manifestation of the power of God, it will necessitate forsaking the things of the world, and presenting ourselves to God; casting ourselves at His feet for mercy and power. No lukewarm, half-backslidden Christian can expect to enjoy the greater blessing of God. Some are interested in purely personal gain, and they are ready for the acquisition of material possessions; but Paul had made holy preparation and he was ready to preach; preaching not a book report on birds, or ancient history; no, he was ready to preach the gospel by the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from God out of heaven.

I AM A DEBTOR

Not only was St. Paul ready to preach the gospel; he felt it was his personal responsibility to do so. If a minister does not feel his personal obligation to preach, he fails to have the true spirit of a representative of Jesus Christ. In all probability, the reason some have ceased to preach, and are now engaged in something else other than preaching, is because they do not feel themselves under obligation to God nor lost and dying humanity. Preaching is not necessarily a financial liability, but it is most certainly a divine obligation.

Paul saw men and women that were bound by the chains of sin, he beheld their pathetic condition. But blessed be God, he knew of a fountain that had been opened for sin and uncleanness. He also knew that the solution in this fountain was so strong that it would dissolve the fetters of sin and set captive men and women free by the power of God. I praise the eternal God that the element of time has not weakened the solution of this fountain that was opened in the house of David. Souls tortured by sin can still plunge in and lose all their guilty stains. Yes, Paul knew that it was real. "I am a debtor," he said. No law in the land could force him to pay this debt, but he felt that he must carry the message to the rich, the poor, the wise and the unwise. To all people everywhere, I must tell that Jesus can save them from eternal damnation. This message must be carried even at the ex-

pense of personal suffering. It is a vital message for suffering and perishing humanity. However, only those that feel themselves debtors will discharge to the fullest measure this tremendous responsibility.

I AM NOT ASHAMED

Paul was not reluctant through anticipation of shame to preach the gospel. God help us and give us more men and women with strong backbones and spiritual fortitude, that are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: "For it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." These are days when weaklings must be strong; strong men must go forward in the name of the Lord.

Maybe, in shame and humiliation the beloved apostle Paul was thrown into prison for preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, but that didn't stop his preaching. Such men cannot be stopped! Throw them into jail and they pray down earthquakes. Stone them and they are caught away by the Spirit and shown the beauties and splendors of heaven. Threaten them with death and they express their willingness to die and be with Christ "which is far better." Unconquerable, invincible, courageous heroes of the Cross!

St. Paul was ready to preach to the "down-and-outs" and to the "up-and-outs." He preached to prisoners; he preached to kings and celebrities of his day. The same message, the same gospel to all classes—Christ Jesus came into this world to seek and save the sons and daughters of Adam.

The greatest need of the hour is the unadulterated, inspired Word of God preached by consecrated soldiers of the cross. People are not "preached to death." People need to hear the gospel. Some people sit around, warm benches, eat good gospel food, do no work; consequently, they become afflicted by spiritual indigestion, and many times in this group are found faultfinders and grumblers. An active person demands food. Activity is conducive to a healthy spiritual life. Furthermore, the gospel contains sufficient power to transform a wretched, miserable sinner into a blood-bought, blood-cleansed, victorious child of the King. God grant that our eyes may be opened, our souls be stirred, our spirits quickened by the Holy Ghost to follow the example of the apostle Paul, and we will also bring forth fruit unto perfection.

Sunday School Methods

By Clifford Jenkerson

Superintendent—On Sunday Morning

1. HAVE EVERYTHING IN READINESS

To have everything in readiness in the true sense of the meaning would include well-lighted rooms, heated (or cooled), ventilated, clean, with chairs or pews in place. Of course, the janitor would be greatly responsible for this. However, the superintendent would be more directly responsible for the ordering and distribution of Sunday School literature, equipment, and records which are essential to the carrying on of a successful session of teaching and worship. This work can be done before the students arrive on Sunday morning, or else during the weekdays. The kind patience of a school will not last many Sundays if the superintendent is habitually late and then upon arrival spends an extra fifteen minutes searching out mixed and mingled literature before he can start the service.

2. BE ON TIME

I have visited Sunday Schools where superintendents and teachers came dragging in late, as though they were "half dead" and the other "half" dying. They seemed to have a bad habit and that was "Always-forever-LATE" on Sunday morning. This will wear out the nerves of people who are prompt. The superintendent and teachers are the examples of the entire school. Therefore, they should never be late unless providentially hindered. Those who travel like a tortoise and laze around on the job, with no pep or enthusiasm, will soon see the people GOING instead of COMING. A good superintendent will be "up and going," "wide awake," and "enthusiastic" about his work, and on

Sunday morning he will be there ahead of others, to greet them. He will have the sign out—"COME, FOR ALL THINGS ARE NOW READY," Luke 14:17.

3. SPEAK UP BEFORE THE SCHOOL

We mean by "speak up" to open the mouth and speak distinctly; get rid of the lazy-tongue habit. It is a known

which "sounds-sorta-like-it," and go on; when a few minutes spent searching the dictionary or inquiring of the pastor or others who might help, would save all this embarrassment.

As the superintendent takes charge of the worship program before and sometimes after the school session, this is his opportunity to boost and inspire the school to greater ACTION. If he will take advantage of his time (but not take up half of the preaching period), he can encourage the teachers and classes in regular visitation of absentees, and call for reports on same; he can recognize good work done by classes, teachers, or individuals; he can encourage regularity and punctuality of students by promotions, certificates, diplomas, etc. Give honor to whom honor is due. Also, there are the visitors and new students to recognize and introduce before the entire school. A real spirit of "enthusiasm" and "WELCOME" should dominate these sessions. If necessary, write out your announcements so time will not be lost or wasted.

4. REPLACE TEACHERS WITHOUT DELAY

Teachers will sometimes be absent without providing someone to take their place, and thus it becomes the duty of the superintendent to select a substitute teacher. Some classes, even small children's

classes, have been known to sit for fifteen minutes, or even half of the class period, without anyone to direct them. This will certainly ruin the superintendent, hurt the school, and cause confusion in the classroom. If the superintendent or his associates can detect the vacancy and fill it even before the class assembles, it is better. A suggestion to head off this situation

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Never Touched Him!!

fact that some speakers do not speak loudly and clearly enough to be understood, and people have to, more or less, guess at what they say. If necessary, write out your entire program, and practice it. Also, there are those who do not know the correct pronunciation of words in the responsive reading and to get by before the school they speech-stumble and sputter around and mumble out something

Since Pentecost

(The final article of a trilogy on the unknown tongue. Please read the preceding articles, "From Babel to Pentecost" and "Pentecost.")

By Charles W. Conn

Acts 2:39, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."



THE SPRINGBOARD

We must now leave the familiar path of the Bible record and, as stepping from stone to stone across a brook, find the never-broken path of the Holy Ghost across the past twenty centuries. Does the Spirit still abide? Has He subsided during the decades upon decades since the Day of Pentecost? Let the Word of God be our springboard into this discussion.

The bar of bigotry that excluded the Gentile nations from the blessings of God was torn away as the Spirit of God spoke the words of our text through the anointed lips of Peter. Neither those baptized with the Holy Ghost nor those beholding in amazement could ever claim that the blessing was solely for them, or for their generation. The Jews could not jealously confine Him to their environs. This baptism was for the entire earth, for all time. A nucleus of power had been placed in the earth that would soon germinate to circumvent the whole world.

The text clearly states that the Holy Ghost baptism (with its manifestations and fruits) was to continue beyond the generation in which it was given. *And to your children* indicated children not yet born as well as those already born. Its reference was to more than the immediate successors of the living, it referred to the posterity of the world. *And to all that are afar off* made it clear that any person with a pure heart, notwithstanding his Gentile lineage, could receive the Spirit in the same measure as the Jew. Being of Abrahamic stock would henceforth give no antecedence to the blessings of God. The patrician and the plebeian of Rome, the barbarian of Britannia, the future polygenetic American could receive the Spirit as well as the Jew and the Hellene.

John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another



Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." *Forever* does not mean a decade, or a generation, or a century, or even a millennium—it means for all time. No person of reason can doubt this. Forever is the period in which the Holy Ghost will fill and bless human hearts—and there is no end to forever.

Before the cessation of the Bible record, many nations had received the promise. Philip, Peter and John had carried the message into Samaria—and had seen them receive the same blessing they possessed. (See last week's article.) Peter had witnessed a Gentile named Cornelius receiving the Baptism of the Spirit. (See last week's article.) Paul has established the fact that the Corinthians had the same Spirit and manifestation. In the 14th chapter of 1 Cor. he condemns puerility and fanaticism concerning demonstrations, but highly subscribes to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with all its manifestations. Then he underlines his assertions with a testimony that he himself spoke with tongues more than any of the Corinthians. His testimony was not an admission, but it was an open praise to God that he had the blessing.

EPHESUS

When Paul entered the Asian city Ephesus (Acts 19) his chief concern for the disciples there was whether or not they had received the Holy Ghost since being saved. He forthright asked them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Perhaps they had not attended the Passover in Jerusalem the year of the crucifixion,

for they had not even heard of the Holy Ghost baptism. Paul explained the gift to them, laid hands on them, and they received the Spirit — *and spoke with tongues!* Like the torch in a relay race, the gospel of Christ, with its attendant Baptism of the Holy Ghost, was reaching from nation to nation. The nations were different; the habitudes were different; the preachers were different; the occasions were different; the circumstances were different; *but the blessing was the same!* Men everywhere were having the same experience—they were accepting the salvation of Christ and the Baptism of the Spirit, Jewish disciples, Samaritan disciples, the Gentile house of Cornelius, the disciples in Ephesus, regardless of other differences, were receiving the same Christ, the same Spirit, the same manifestations—they were all speaking with tongues. The whole world was becoming ablaze.

ROME

For the first three centuries after the death of Christ, speaking with tongues was a regular occurrence in the Christian services. Hidden in the catacombs on the outskirts of Rome were many harried believers in Christ. In the comparative safety and seclusion of these tomb-caves, the Christians resided and worshiped God. Will Durant, in his *Caesar and Christ* (Simon & Schuster), gives us a notable account of the worship of these early Christians:

"On that *dies Domini*, or Lord's Day, the Christians assembled for their weekly ritual. Their clergy read from the Scriptures, and preached sermons of doctrinal instruction, moral exhortation, and sectarian controversy. In the early days, members of the congregation...were allowed to 'prophesy'—i.e., 'speak forth,' in trance or ecstasy words to which meaning could be given only by pious interpretation."

How little today's services differ from those of the Romans. We have the same type of sermons, and we still speak with tongues. Jesus IS the same yesterday, today, and forever.

POST-APOSTOLIC TONGUES

Sources are not plentiful from which we can call a great deal concerning tongues in the post-apostolic church. However, we have enough evidence to know of a surety that the gift has never completely faded from the church. The Bible alludes much to an "early rain" and a "latter rain" (Joel 2:23; Zech. 10:1; James 5:7; etc.) of the Holy Ghost. The "early rain" was

the apostolic outpouring and the "latter rain" is the modern outpouring—thus there must necessarily be a lull between the two "rains." Notwithstanding this prophecy, and the contention of some that tongues ceased long ago, there have been many times through the ages that wholly consecrated men and women have been used by the Holy Spirit to speak with tongues. Montanus (c. 156 A. D.) is recorded in history as having been seized by the Holy Ghost and translated into a state of rapture and ecstasy.

George B. Cutten in *Speaking With Tongues Historically and Psychologically Considered* (Yale University Press) states that "... in the Middle Ages the saints are said to have received the gift and used it for speaking with people of other tongues in their missionary labor. It is rather surprising, however, that in this age of wonders it appeared so infrequently.

To us, this is not the least bit surprising. The fact that the Holy Ghost was not given then in a great measure is a hearty amen to the prophecy of the "latter rain," and to the fact that tongues are a God-given manifestation and not psychological emotionalism.

THE SAINTS

St. Pachomius (292-348 A. D.) had never studied Latin or Greek, yet power to speak these languages was given him in times of ecstasy or necessity. St. Hildegard and St. Vincent Ferrier are recorded as having possessed the gift of tongues. History tells us that St. Frances Xavier was divinely endowed with the language of the Indians.

TONGUES IN REVIVALS

Again we quote from Mr. Cutten's book on tongues: "The history of the Christian Church contains accounts of many other ... manifestations of speaking with tongues. It was found among the Jansenists in France in 1731 ..."

From the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 22, pp. 282-3: "The same morbid and abnormal trance utterances recur in Christian revivals in every age, e. g., among the mendicant friars of the 13th century, among the Jansenists, the early Quakers, the converts of Wesley and Whitefield, the persecuted Protestants of Cevennes, the Irvingists, the early Quakers, the converts of America."

Unbelievers in tongues and spiritual demonstration may find it embarrassing to note that the propelling force

that gave their church its start was practically the same as the glorious experiences we enjoy today. (May we retain them until the return of Christ!) There is a very remarkable account of a typical Wesleyan revival in the book *Wesley* by James Laver (D. Appleton & Co.):

"For almost at the very beginning of his ministry the strangest things happened among his congregations. Men and women fell down on the ground before him, some insensible, some wailing and crying. The awakening of their consciences, their profound sense of guilt, were translated into physical symptoms, and nothing could restore them until they were convinced of salvation. The Journal for a time is full of instances. 'At Weavers Hall a young man was suddenly seized with a violent trembling all over, and in a few minutes sunk to the ground. But we ceased not calling on God, till He raised him FULL OF PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST.

"We understood that many were offended at the cries of those on whom the power of God came; and among them was a physician, who was much afraid there might be fraud or imposture in the case. Today one whom he had known many years ... broke into 'strong cries and tears.' He could hardly believe his own eyes and ears. He went and stood close to her, and observed every symptom, till great drops of sweat ran down her face, and all her bones shook. He then knew not what to think, being clearly convinced it was not a fraud, nor yet any natural disorder. But when her soul and body were healed in a moment, he acknowledged the finger of God."

Mr. Laver asserts in other passages in his biography that Wesley firmly believed in the supernaturalness of all these phenomena, and that there were many other such revivals and incidents. That tongues and other demonstrations played a conspicuous part in the Methodist revival is irrefutable history. It is affirmed by every authority consulted.

Tongues have been manifested in many other church groups. All truly evangelistic churches have seen occasions of the manifestation. *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 19, p. 240, tells of various physical demonstrations in American revivals of different church groups. *Revivalism in America* (Scribner's) by William Warren Sweet—who is also author of the *Britannica* article—is replete with accounts of the most

extreme manifestations, often among those who now deride these same blessings as "indignities." Honest churchmen admit that spiritual demonstration has been a large factor in all evangelistic churches, and that in losing it their churches have suffered great loss.

"MOTHER" ANN LEE

Historians have preserved for us the glorious manifestations of the Holy Ghost in "Mother" Ann Lee, founder of the Shakers. She was arrested in England before coming to America, for speaking in tongues: the charge was "blasphemy." She was arraigned before four ministers of the Church of England, all very proficient linguists, who were to examine her "speaking with tongues." According to the MINISTERS' report this happened: During their interview, she discoursed IN 72 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES—she spoke more fluently in some of the languages than any of the ministers had ever heard before! Hallelujah!

THE LATTER RAIN

The sporadic outpourings increased their staccato-like frequency until today we are in the midst of the worldwide "latter rain." Quoting again from Mr. Cutten's book:

"In most cases, the appearance of speaking with tongues has been connected with revival experiences ... At the beginning of this century, there was a religious revival which nearly encircled the globe. It began in 1901 in Australia, was reported in England, where similar experiences were sought, and in mission circles in India a determined effort was made to duplicate the Australian revival. In 1904 came the Welsh revival ... And some impressive examples of speaking with tongues was reported in the last-named century ...

"In America, as well as in other countries, these phenomena occurred in their most extreme forms. Influenced by this world-wide revival, the Apostolic Faith Movement began in 1910 and spread widely over the United States, being prominent in Los Angeles in California, where it is said by some that it began ..."

We are definitely in the "latter rain" of the Holy Ghost. The blessings we receive are identical in nature with those given to the apostles. One must smile when reading the work of some so-called scoffer who grudgingly admits that the Pentecostal faith is here to stay.

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B. T. S. PAGE

Veterans on the Greatest Battlefields

Greetings in Jesus' name.

This is the Veterans Gospel Band of B. T. S. and College, composed of members who have given our best in endeavoring to bring about peace and victory to a world in chaos of war and bloodshed. Some of us have suffered severe and lasting wounds inflicted in the heat of battle. Most of the veterans have some mars and scars to carry all through life.

Having conquered in this battle of national warfare, we are now engaged in the greatest of battles against the wicked wiles of Satan. Our organization is composed of some of the most consecrated and sincere veterans, of whom the majority are missionary and ministerial students.

The officers of our organization are:
 President _____ Robert Arthur
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 Assistant Secretary _____ Gilbert Bleyer

Other members of the V. G. B. are: Bros. Helton, Ambris, Thacker, Colvin, Miller, Weed, Boatman, Wingate, Norman, Jones, Rector, Varnell, White, Smith, Platt, Dooley, and Batchelor.

Our foremost aims are: To live holy and consecrated fully to the service of God; to win lost and dying humanity from a devil's hell; to be a blessing to worthy students who are endeavoring to make a success in preparing for future service to God but are financially incapable of bearing their full expense and buy clothing.

Through prayer, unity and brotherly love continuing, and God being foremost in all our endeavor, we have been crowned with a successful year. The Lord has rewarded our efforts with many blessings. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of

speaking in tongues. Numbers have been healed through prayer and faith in God.

We have conducted all-day meetings at twelve churches since the middle of February, within a radius of one hundred and sixty miles. A total of \$928.35 has been donated to worthy students since the beginning of the year 1946, for which we thank God.

We have been greatly privileged and blessed in acquiring two of the most sincere and devoted girls of the school, who, when many others were unwilling to sacrifice their time, talent and service to go to some of the smallest and humblest of churches, were willing to sacrifice all to help us in our achievements of success and victory for the right. These girls are Sister Rachel Anglin, of South Lebanon, Ohio, and Sis. Ruby Boutwell, of Hattiesburg, Miss. Sister Anglin plays the guitar and is a fine soloist. Sister Boutwell is talented in rendering solos and playing the piano. Combined, these girls form an excellent duet.

We credit most of our success to God in giving us a capable president and fine leader. His superb ability has kept everything well organized and under control. Montana surely can appreciate having such a worker to come back and labor in God's vineyard.

We will be reorganizing for the summer school term at B. T. S., and are ready to receive invitations and schedule those who wish our services within a radius of one hundred miles.

We surely have appreciated the cooperation, fellowship and hospitality of all the people we have met in our services, and trust we have been a blessing to all our hearers. God bless you all.—Faithfully yours in God's service, Veterans Gospel Band, B.T.S. and College, Sevierville, Tenn.

CHURCH OF GOD MINISTER AND CLERK MISSING AT SEA

Rev. B. L. Hicks and Brother J. J. Crane, two of our faithful and beloved brethren, left home Monday, May 12, to go fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. They were to return on Tuesday night, but failed to return. After a diligent search by coast guard planes, private planes, and boats, only a small amount of charred wood, supposedly their boat, was found adrift. No one will ever know, if they never come home, what happened. However, some thought lightning struck the boat, or the boat blew up.

Brother Crane was a newcomer to Naples, Fla., coming here from Cleveland, Tenn. He was loved very much by all who knew him. He was clerk of the church here.

Brother Hicks was a faithful minister in the Church of God for over twenty years. He held offices of one of the Council of Twelve and state overseer a number of years. His health had failed him and he had bought a home here to try to rest and regain his health. He never failed to preach, pray, sing, teach, or do anything asked of him. He was president of the local P. T. A., and business people have expressed themselves as losing one of Naples' best citizens.

While there may yet be a ray of hope for these brothers' return, yet if they never return, we know our loss is heaven's gain. God bless their precious bereaved families.—Their pastor, F. F. O'Bannon, Naples, Fla.

DEATHS

SALTER

The death angel visited our home March 8, 1946, and claimed our baby girl, Rachel Darlene; age two and one-half months. We have another interest in heaven now.—Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Salter, Monroe, N. C.

MILLER

Brother Hubert Miller, a member of the Church of God at Bradshaw, Ala., went to be with the Lord December 31, 1945. He loved the Church. He leaves a faithful wife and five children.—A. J. Judah, pastor, 108 Pleasant St., Geneva, Ala.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, . . ." Rev. 21:4.

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

The Virginia state convention will convene in the City Auditorium, Danville, Virginia, June 20-23. You are cordially invited.

REVIVALS

ERWIN, N. C.—The Church of God at Erwin, N. C., has just closed a two weeks' revival, with Brother Glenn Easom, of High Point, N. C., a brother of our dear pastor, J. R. Easom, doing the preaching. It was one of the best revivals held in our community for a long time. The speaker did some wonderful preaching throughout the revival; the Lord gave him special anointing for each and every message. On many occasions the Holy Ghost would take over and sinners would weep their way to the altar and come up shouting and praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling them with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the revival twenty-eight had been saved, twenty sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty baptized in water, and twenty-two added to the church.

Brother Easom is a wonderful man of God. We hope we may have him with us again.—J. E. McLamb, clerk.

PATTERSON, Va.—The Church of God at Patterson, Va., has closed one of its greatest revivals. Brother C. B. Clark, our district pastor, did the preaching. Each message was delivered with love and the Holy Ghost was with us in every song, prayer and especially the altar calls. Sixteen souls prayed through to victory, two received the Holy Ghost, several were sanctified, and thirteen baptized in water.

There is still a revival spirit here and Brother Clark's preaching will continue to burn in our souls and cause us to get closer to the Lord.

We love our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Elswick. They really have the Lord and His work at heart. The church is really moving forward for the coming of the Lord. We desire the prayers of each Christian that we might do His will until He comes.—Mrs. Bill West.

SAN PABLO, Calif.—God is blessing us here at San Pablo, Calif., in a mighty way. We have just closed a four nights' meeting with Bro. L. G. Rouse as the evangelist. I do believe this is one of the greatest meetings San Pablo has ever witnessed. The church was packed every night; our church will hold about three hundred,

and there was hardly standing room for all who came out. All manner of sickness was healed—tumors disappeared, the lame made to leap for joy and deaf made to hear. Tongue can never express the greatness of the power of God that was in our midst. Sinners were saved and the church mightily blessed.

Brother Rouse is one of the most wonderful men of God I have ever seen. There is no limit to the hours he prayed, and those sermons were food from heaven. Certainly our church was left in a great spiritual attitude.

Our Sunday School has broken the record attendance four times since the Assembly. The record attendance was 118 and April 28 it was 230. The secret of this success is prayer and God-loving people. Many of the folks bring two and three carloads to Sunday School. Hallelujah! If God be for us, who can be against us? We covet the prayers of those who know how to pray.—Pastor, H. G. Mushegan, Box 538.

MUSKEGON, Mich.—An eighteen-day revival has just closed, held by Otis Averill as evangelist, a true and faithful man of God and full of zeal for lost souls. Yes, we truly praise God for this wonderful revival. Ten were saved, one sanctified, and as many as fifteen or twenty souls were at the altar most every night seeking more of God. I am glad that where Jesus is there is His power. Well, you keep Muskegon on your prayer list, that it will be a soul-saving station and that it might rise and shine for His glory. Our pastor is Rev. C. M. Dunn.—Reporter, Gunie Sloan.

MT. DORA, Fla.—The Lord is blessing here at Mt. Dora. We have just closed a revival with Brother James Miller doing the preaching. God met with us every night and the revival closed with great interest and with about eighteen adults in the altar. Three were saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have built a block parsonage, for which we have been told we could get \$5,000. We have also bought new furniture. Although the parsonage is not complete, we are living in it and working along as we get material. We

expect to have it completed before long. We give all the praise to the Lord and the good people here for what has been accomplished. Pray for us.—T. Z. Bennett, pastor.

MARION, S. C.—We have just closed a very successful revival at Marion, S. C., with Rev. Bernice Whittington as evangelist. There were twenty-six saved, twenty-seven sanctified, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. The Lord was with us in a great way.—R. W. Sloan, pastor.

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REPORTS *From the Field*

Our Souls Were Lifted Heavenward

PIEDMONT, Ala.—We thank God for the way He has blessed us since we came to Herrings Tabernacle in January. The Lord meets with us in every service, for which we are thankful.

In a two weeks' revival, sixteen were saved, six sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Our souls were lifted heavenward as Bro. R. T. Lankford, pastor at Gadsden, Ala., brought messages from God. Bro. Laney, truly a man of God, joined the church, coming from the Congregational Holiness Church, and we felt God's presence as he expounded the truth. Bro. Early, a pioneer in the church, pastor at Tabor church, was a blessing to all of us, and, last but not least, Bro. J. D. Bright, our district overseer, was with us one night, and how our hearts were made to rejoice as always, when we listened to his messages. The church was greatly blessed, the attendance has improved and the Sunday School doubled. We give God the glory and honor. Pray for us to be a blessing here.—Rolen and Ruth Dunn, Rt. 4.

God Blessing at Smyre, N. C.

I am glad to offer a word of praise for our people here at Smyre. We have a wonderful Y.P.E. and I give all the praise to our Lord. The young people seem so anxious to do something for God. A project was started eight weeks ago in our Y.P.E. service to obtain money to apply on our new church. Eight people were chosen to work, and the one who got the most points won a ten-dollar prize. We counted money and coupons in the points.

There was close to \$600 brought in, and over 4,000 coupons for our orphanage.

Our new church will soon be finished, which is costing around \$14,000. We had a \$5,000 loan on it, but God is blessing us so well that we are not going to have to borrow that much. The people here who are not Christians in this community surely like to give on the Church of God.

We praise God for a wonderful man of God for a pastor, like Rev. Floyd Timmerman, and his wife. The people love them; they have been a blessing

to the community. God is blessing our radio program on Saturdays at 1:00-1:30 p. m. Pray that God's blessing will still be with us.—Tommie Cline, Smyre Station, Gastonia, N. C.

From the Great State of Virginia

It has been sometime since we have written to you through the Evangel, but we feel that the readers of the Evangel will be interested to know of the great progress that we are making. Last year we gained about \$77,000 worth of property. This year, we have built thirteen new churches and two parsonages, and as soon as it is possible we are planning four more. The property that we have gained already amounts to approximately \$75,000. In two short years, nearly \$150,000 worth of good Church of God property! In 1940, our mission offering amounted to \$800. In 1945, it had grown until it amounted to \$10,000. Last year, our mission money for the district amounted to \$5,000, nearly \$2,500 over the year before. This year it amounts to \$7,500.

We have gained in the last two years, over our losses, 600 members, and we hope to have 3,000 members by the close of this Assembly year. Our number now stands at about 2,800. There have been about 1,000 souls saved, and in spite of the war plants closing, such as ship yards and powder plants, we have a nice increase in the tithes. We have been able to organize five new churches, with two others that have new buildings and Sunday Schools that will soon be set in order. There is a great spirit of fellowship among our churches and we give God and the good ministers in the state the credit for a great part of the work that is being done. We would like to make mention of the fine, new state parsonage that we have purchased since the last Assembly, and it has been said that this is one of the best in the entire movement. We thank God for the great work He is doing in this state.—D. C. Boatwright, state overseer.

Enjoying His Good Benefits

TULSA, Okla.—I am glad to report for the Church of God at Tulsa, Okla. Our church is nineteen months old. God has blessed us with a good revival

meeting, with Rev. Elmo Madewell. Nine were saved and sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. This year, we have gained nineteen new members. We have a total of twenty-eight members.

Our Sunday School has reached one hundred and twenty.

We have just closed the district convention of the Tulsa district, which was held here at Tulsa. The Lord blessed us with His good blessings and benefits. We had a nice crowd in each service. We raised, for the orphans and missions, \$315. We appreciate our overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes. He is a real blessing to our church and state.—A. B. Smith, Box W491.

All-Day Easter Service

KILLIAN, S. C.—We observed Easter Sunday with an all-day service. Sunday School began at 10:30 A. M., preaching service following by our pastor, Brother Murphy. Dinner was served out-of-doors. Evening service began at 2 P. M. The message was delivered by Bro. Tharp. Special music and singing was rendered by Bro. Douglas, of Winnsboro. After our evening service, we held a singing convention.

God is wonderfully blessing our pastor with his work. We, as members of the Church of God, are with him one hundred per cent in making it a soul-saving station for God. We love and appreciate our pastor.—Sis. Ruth Shores, Rt. 1, Box 163, c/o Mr. M. E. Lee, Columbia S. C.

Having Good Services at Enterprise

ENTERPRISE, Ala.—Dear Readers of the Church of God Evangel, just a few lines to let you know what is going on at Enterprise, Ala. We are having good church services and good young people's services, a good Sunday School and large crowds on Sunday nights. The power of God is with us here in Enterprise. Bless His holy name! I wish to introduce little Bobby Peoples to you. He is a blessing to the church. Bobby is blind; has been blind since an infant, but he can play a piano as well as anyone. You can call a page number in the book, he can tell you what song it is, and start playing it without your telling him. He attends church regularly. We covet your prayers for him, and our church. We also thank God for our good pastor, Bro. E. B. Carter, and

wife. The church is on fire for God. We also have a good Sunday School teacher, Bro. Dan Carmichael. We are glad to have him with us. We give everyone a hearty welcome to come and worship with us at any time you can. We covet your prayers.—H. W. Hood.

St. Joseph, Mo., District Convention Report

The St. Joseph, Mo., district convention convened at the South St. Joseph church April 12-14. We believe this was the sweetest, most spiritual convention we have had. From the very first song until the last good-byes were said, the mighty presence of the Holy Ghost was felt in a special way. Services were soul searching, inventory taking, and left with us a desire for a much closer consecration.

Each speaker was at his best, and all did their utmost to make the convention a success. The ministers who took part were Brother L. E. Holdman, Brother Moore, visiting minister from Assemblies of God, at Bethany, Mo., Brother E. F. Crain, Brother and Sister Watson, state overseer and wife, Sister Anna Gladys Guy, Brothers John Yates, T. C. Franklin, C. L. Barker, and E. O. Byington, district overseer.

We were favored with a variety of music and special singing. There were solos, duets, trios, and quartets by the Chillicothe quartet and trio, North St. Joseph quartet and orchestra, Brother and Sister Holdman, Brother Ballard, visiting evangelist en route to Kansas, to work in that state, Brother and Sister Franklin, Brother Moore, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother and Sister Koonse, Sister Estelle Watson, Frank Guy, Jr., and the juniors sang for the Y.P.E. service on Saturday night.

Special offerings were taken up for missions and orphanage in the amount of \$378.74 missions and \$111.10 orphanage, which were the two largest ever taken on this district. All the work is on the increase, for which we thank God. Brother and Sister Watson are real children of God and have the work of God at heart. We hate to see them leave the state this year. This convention will not be forgotten in our memories.—Beatrice Koonse, convention clerk, 1907 Main, St. Joseph, Mo.

Lubbock, Tex., District Convention

The Lubbock, Tex., district conven-

tion was a great success and the Lord blessed our souls. The welcome address was given by Bro. Gardner, followed by a talk by Bro. Rains. We appreciated having visitors from off the district and out of the state with us. There was a nice representation from each church on the district and all pastors were present.

The speakers for the convention were: Bro. Gardner; Bro. V. B. Rains, state overseer; Brother Neil, of Rochester, Tex.; Artye Sullivan, Jack Crutcher; Bro. J. H. Mathis; Calvin Thompson; George Anthony; Harry Pole; Brother Toles; Bro. W. F. Campbell; Sister Hargraves, and Bro. Clyde Hargraves.

We enjoyed the special singing during the convention so much and appreciated those rendering same. During the convention, we had a healing service, conducted by Bro. Swain. The Lord came down in a wonderful way and blessed. People were shouting and dancing under the power of God and many were touched by God's healing hand.

The convention adjourned Sunday afternoon at two o'clock with prayer.—Mrs. Stella Hargrave, reporter, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

Report of Carmi, Ill., District Convention

Friday, March 23, the Carmi, Ill., District convention met with the Church of God, Carmi, Ill. The Lord met with us and we feasted on the good things of the Lord throughout the convention, which closed Saturday evening.

Bro. E. O. Kerce, our state overseer, and Bro. R. H. Hughes, our district overseer, were the evening speakers. Their messages were both instructive and inspiring. After hearing, each of us was filled with a zeal to do more this next year.

Bros. J. L. Summers, Bill Brown, D. P. Barnett, and Garnett were the other speakers during the convention. These ministers all brought soul-stirring messages, which encouraged us to press forward in this great work. The Spirit of the Lord was with us and we greatly appreciated His presence and power.

There was special singing by the Southern Harmony Quartet, of Benton, Ill., the Lloyd sisters, of West Frankfort, and the Chroush sisters, of Norris City, Ill., also the Y.P.E. Quartet, of West Frankfort. We were happy

to have these fine singers with us.

We had a good mission offering, for which we were thankful. We surely enjoyed the blessings of the Lord and are grateful to everyone who helped make this convention the best we have had.—Ettie Henson, clerk, Norris City, Ill.

Report of Hermiston, Ore., District

Any organization must have unity to be strong. A report such as this will help to promote unity and understanding on the Oregon district and each of the others, by making known what is being done here along this line.

On April 8, 9, we had a most successful Sunday School and Y.P.E. district convention at the Church of God in Hermiston, Ore. Our state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, LaVerne Selman, had done some careful planning for this convention. Through talks from teachers and preachers much valuable information was disclosed.

The reports of the Y.P.E. groups of Portland, Salem, Hermiston, and Independence were interesting and valuable. The services dedicated to the Y.P.E. were very inspirational and helpful because of the splendid singing, speaking and praying, along with the Christian fellowship. Our young people are the church of tomorrow. The church must appreciate, recognize, take an interest in them, and help them.

On the evening of the ninth, a message was preached for the promotion of our orphanage at Cleveland, Tenn., and a nice offering received for same. Through the Sunday School and Y.P.E. conventions, we have a means of advancing two very important and essential departments of the church—essential if we expect the church to be and do what Christ wants it to be and do.—Eugene Steinkamp, reporter.

REVIVAL

SHELBY, Ala.—We have just closed a revival here at Shelby. The Lord really blessed. Rev. Jimmie Horton did the preaching during the first of the revival, then Rev. Pattison, of Johnson, Ala., continued it for two weeks. Many souls were blessed during the revival. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost. Some of them were saved during our midweek services before the revival started.—Mrs. O. C. Kendrick.

SINCE PENTECOST

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ATTESTATIONS

The historicity of tongues should be established in every mind. If speakers-with-tongues are in error, then almost every church in existence is guilty of error—for at some time they have been partakers of these demonstrations. That tongues have been in the church since the Day of Pentecost, and that today the gift is more widespread and prominent than at any previous era is acknowledged by historians and theologians alike. Let us examine today's use of tongues and see if it is genuine—that seems to be the only issue.

That scores of millions of people throughout the entire earth, who claim the wonderful experience, should be classed as emotional irresponsibles is nothing less than gross folly, if not, indeed, irresponsibility itself. That those who claim the gift are dishonest is an accusation that will backfire into the ancestry of almost all modern churches—at some time they, too, have claimed the gift. Let us hear the testimonies of reputable men.

The beloved J. R. Moseley, in his book *Manifest Victory* (Harper & Brothers), says:

"Pentecost, or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, is an actual experience... It institutes a ministry of those who have begun to inherit its tremendous possibilities and who cannot rest until they have been realized in the whole of life... Furthermore, those who have this gift are unable to contain themselves for the very reason that the gift of the Holy Spirit can never be kept to oneself alone. The gift is of all things the most alive, but like all living things, to remain alive it must be circulated, passed on to others and shared, and above all cannot be made the basis of any monopolistic claim to spiritual superiority..."

In Mr. Moseley's book is an account of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost of Miss Carro Davis. This is her testimony:

"A short time after this the Lord put such a hunger and thirst in my soul that I prayed night and day for the Holy Spirit to come and take up His abode within, no matter what the result should be. If you ask for bread, He will not give you a stone. After praying for weeks, and having become ashamed of ever having been ashamed, the Holy Spirit came in to abide forever, according to Acts 2:4; *speaking through me in four lan-*

guages, Persian, Chinese, Scandinavian, and Russian, which were understood by the foreigners present."

On page 704 of *Peloubet's Bible Dictionary* (John C. Winston Co.) there is a very good account of the use of tongues in India:

"Mr. William T. Ellis, a newspaperman from Philadelphia, wrote regarding a visit to Kedgaon, India, ... I have stumbled upon an extraordinary religious manifestation. ... I shall simply narrate, soberly and consecutively, what I have seen and heard concerning this "baptism with fire," and pouring out of "the gift of tongues," whereby ignorant Hindu girls speak in Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek, English and other languages as yet unidentified..."

UNTO YOU

Without nearly exhausting the references and testimonies at our fingertips concerning the Holy Ghost and His attending manifestations, we conclude this compendium, Tongues are definitely established as a part of our past and present (and future) religious system. Approach the subject with an unprejudiced mind from whatever branch of knowledge you will, and you will conclude that tongues are both sincere and real. We who have received the blessing, whose vocal organs have been thus controlled, agree that the experience is most blessed.

Every destructive attack against the Spirit and His ecstatic blessings to men has been abortive—therefore the enemy will continually make new means and arguments his resort, until Jesus shall return in His glory. None of your skill can refute the honesty and truth of the Holy Spirit. The waters of doubt cannot quench His fire. Don't seek a way of escape from the TRUTH! Yield now to His sweet presence. Let Him fill you today. The promise is unto YOU.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING?

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See if you do not agree with me that the desire to *get something for nothing* is present in more types of evil than any other single motive, and is therefore to be shunned, even in its more innocent-looking forms, as Enemy Number One.

Little sins lead to bigger sins, and the idea that one can get any worthwhile earthly value free is *always deceptive*. It costs too much.

SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS

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is to have the teachers come forward and stand before the school just before retiring to the classrooms or their different places. If the school reads the responsive reading, let the teachers lead the school, while the superintendent reads the part assigned to him. Thus, he will be able to tell if any teacher is absent, and can fill the vacancy by calling for a substitute to come forward, even before the classes march to their respective places or rooms.

5. THE CHILDREN AT WORSHIP

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," Mark 10:14. In some schools, the children are woefully neglected in the worship program. They are not permitted to sing, pray, or take part. A child loves to worship, but their childish mind is not developed to worship like adults, and for that reason they should be given a special part in the worship program. The superintendent who bypasses the children should read Mark 10:14 over and over again until it becomes part of him on Sunday morning.

6. THE "RIGHT SPIRIT" ALWAYS

In Psalm 51:10, David says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a RIGHT SPIRIT within me." Around most schools are the "Mr. Grouches" and the "Upper-most-seat-seekers" who make embarrassing situations, but the superintendent will have to keep himself in the "right spirit," ignore these "little fellows" and end them. John said, "Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence." Mr. Superintendent, the Diotrephes of your school will, sometimes, think that Sunday morning is a good time to "show." Remember, your calling is to bless the multitudes, and to promote the "right spirit" among the school and church.

7. SEE THAT CLASSES ARE ORGANIZED

As an attendance builder, if room permits, new classes should be organized from time to time to take care of overcrowded conditions, and to add new life and influence to the staff of workers. The more workers the school has, the greater influence it will have in reaching new and more people.

Each class should have an enrollment with complete records of each student. The teachers and superintendent should acquaint themselves with the names so as to be able to call

each little child by its first name, when met on the street during weekdays. See that teachers have their classes organized and in the most efficient working condition to reach and teach.

Book Helps for Sunday School Workers

"An Introduction to Child Study," by Clarence H. Benson, \$1.50.

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"Worship Program for Intermediates," by Alice A. Bass, \$1.75.

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MORE THAN MONEY

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ALL THE WAY with Christ. This power cannot be bought with money, for it is "more than money"; it is beyond price. Why not all of us profit from this lesson? Keep our hearts on Jesus.

If we are citizens of the New Jerusalem, let us think of the wealth Jesus promised when He said, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also." Money cannot compare with this promise, and it is sure to the genuine Christian people. Let us, therefore, keep our hearts and minds on the things of God. No wonder Paul told the Hebrew church assembly, "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly of the first born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Praise God, Paul didn't stop with that but wrote, "And Jesus the mediator of the new covenant." Heb. 12:22-24. The church had assembled and Paul wished this letter read to the churches then assembled in their General Assembly of the Church of the Hebrews, and Paul, too, was talking about things that were more than money. The Mediator of all these "better things than Abel's sacrifice" is more than money. Sad to say, the world has not been able to see these things; but, oh, the sadness of it all when Christians fail to place these things ahead of their money. Oh, that soul that crosses over the threshold called "death," and utters their cries of remorse in hell! Can you feel you have done your part? Have we placed money ahead of the things of God? or have we done the right thing and

given of our means with approving eye of God upon us? Yes, the spiritual things are more than money. The many needs of the lost world are more than money. You may rest assured that the crippled man who sat at the Gate Beautiful, in our scripture text, received something far greater than money! If you have no money, you still may have the riches of the gospel—"Such as I have give I thee."

The object in the lesson is that if we accept this "such as I have" that Peter had, our money, which is a lesser blessing, will belong to God; and if we seek first the kingdom of God, all these things of temporal need will be given to us. Yes, the spiritual needs of mankind are more than money. Health and wholeness of body, soul and spirit is more needful than money. It was to the cripple that Peter took by the hand that he said, "Such as I have give I thee." God help us to realize that all thy blessings and promises and the needs of the lost, the sick, and the maimed are MORE THAN MONEY.

God Is Blessing in Oklahoma This Year

To the readers of the Church of God Evangel: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Just a few words in regard to the way God is blessing us here in Oklahoma this year.

Since the beginning of the Assembly year, we have visited all the churches and Sunday Schools in the state except perhaps three or four. We have personally conducted twenty-seven rallies, held four good revivals, and assisted in five district conventions. We have one more convention and three revivals ahead of us, and then the camp meeting. Our young people have had the first night and day in each district convention. God has marvelously met with us. We have had the largest crowds that we have ever had in any of our district conventions heretofore. We had our first district convention at the Oklahoma City church. The audience was estimated at five hundred the opening night. Rev. Manuel F. Campbell was our guest speaker, and he certainly fed our souls with a good, fiery message directly from the throne. Shawnee drove sixty-five miles that night with a truckload of young people for the convention, and carried off the prize. Guthrie brought a large truckload thirty-eight miles.

Shawnee also won the prize at

Seminole district convention which was conducted at Maud. Maud was formerly state headquarters. God is meeting with the youth in our rallies and conventions in a wonderful way. Some of the most outstanding services that we, in our sixteen years of Christian life, have ever witnessed.

Then came the Lawton convention, where God held us until 1:40 P. M., Sunday, April 28, while the Holy Ghost spoke to the young and old, causing them to come and dedicate themselves to God. The offering was \$400 for missions, the largest in the state.

Next, we went to where the glory of the Lord was so great in our new church, just eighteen months old. Rev. A. B. Smith, the host pastor, had everything in readiness for a real convention, and we had it.

Easter orphanage offerings haven't all reached our office as yet, but I want to make mention of Wagoner, our new church, less than a year old, which raised \$108.46 for the orphans. The offering for the orphans in the Tulsa district was \$140. The offering for missions was \$165. We are certainly proud of the good work being done by our efficient state overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes, who is efficient both in the pulpit and with his overalls on laying brick, cement blocks or anything else that needs doing, and he isn't afraid of doing it. The state is growing. New churches and parsonages are being erected over the state. Everything is looking up. I don't think Oklahoma will be in Class D another Assembly year.—Andrew C. Vance, state superintendent Sunday School and Y.P.E., Oklahoma.

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